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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Fifteenth Annual Session

OF THE

Tombigbee
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held at Highland, Mississippi,

October 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 1898.



W.M. M. CHAFFIN, MODERATOR, - - - Eastman, Mississippi.

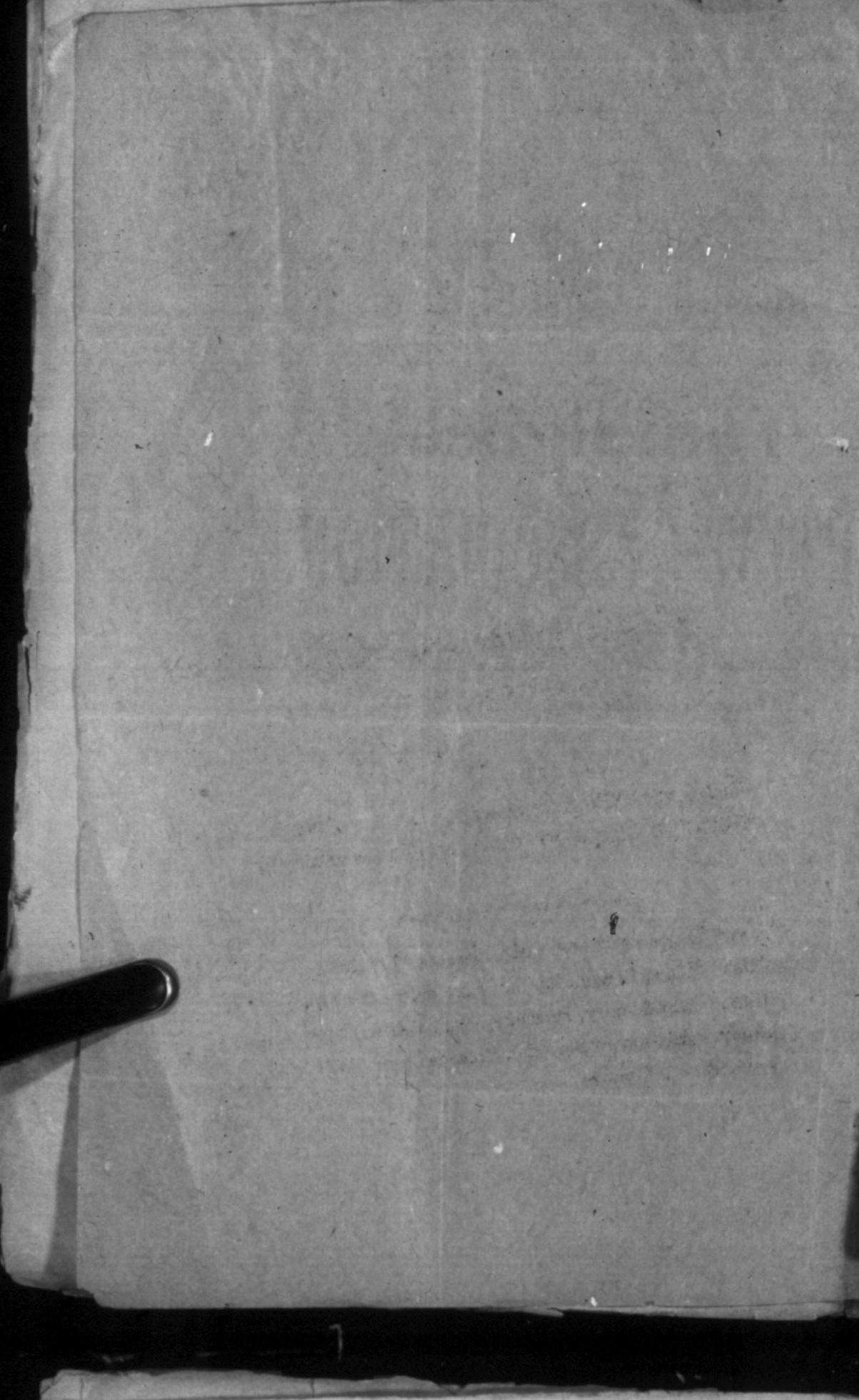
FRANK M. BLOUNT, CLERK AND TREASURER, Highland "



NEXT MEETING PLACE.—Mt. Pleasant, 7 miles north of Fulton,
Miss. Time, 10 a. m. on Saturday before 3rd Sunday in October,
1899. Introductory, Preacher, J. F. Benson, Alternate, J. E. An-
thony. Missionary Sermon, Preacher, W. W. Gilbert, Alter-
nate, W. A. Turnage.

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Proceedings.

The 15th annual session of the Tombigbee Baptist Association met in the Highland church house, at Highland, Miss., Tishomingo county, on Saturday, the 15th day of October, 1898. Eld. W W Gilbert preached the introductory sermon from Gal. 1st chapter, 7th and 8th verses. After the sermon the body took recess and refreshments and at 2 o'clock convened, after reading of scriptures by Moderator and prayer, the body was declared by the Moderator ready for business.

Reading clerks were appointed as follows: Hon's G W Dudley and D L Ross, of Iuka, and J T Bolding, of Pleasant Site, Ala.

Letters from the churches read and delegates enrolled. Union Grove—N P Home, W P Farrar. Evergreen—A J Terrell. Red Bud—R J Hammett. Jackson's Camp—W S Holly, D A Trimm, W S Stephens and D W Searey. Antioch—S Mayhall. Prospect—W E Mann, W H Harrison. Ebenezer—O L Phillips, W T Shook. Bethel—J M Harrison, J Jackson. Mt Pisgah—O B Cowden. Highland—J D McRae, J E Gurley, J R Bickerstaff. Liberty Grove—W B Cantrell. Providence—J M Parker. Mt Pleasant—R T Senter, J T Dulaney, W H Rouse. Union—W T McClung, E L Cain, W A Russell. Bethlehem—W P Gray, M D L Storment, J T Page and A J Storment. Harmony—W L Lindsey, N B Castleberry. Salem—J T Johnson, R R Hubbert, G W Houston. Shiloh—J T Carmack, J H Martin, W F Hall. Fairview—J F Vinson, C M Graham. Bethany—W M Chaffin, J T Ginn, J T Holly.

Organization—By acclamation the Moderator, W M Chaffin and Clerk, F M Blount were reelected.

Call for petitionary letters. Pleasant Grove, by her delegates J P Burns and J M Kennedy presented a petitionary letter and on motion was received and right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

Call for correspondence. The following brethren responded from the following bodies: Big Bear Creek—Eld J S Stockton and G T Bolding. Harmony—Eld W H Camp. Tishomingo—D L Ross, G W Dudley and W J Dugger.

G W Dudley read a letter from W T Lowrey, D. D., of Clinton

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University, excusing himself from meeting with this body on account of quarantine, and on motion the Clerk instructed to reply to same.

The Moderator announced the following committees: Finance—R T Senter, T J Johnson, R J Hammett. Devotion—A J Storment, J R Bickerstaff and deacons of Highland church. State Missions—S Mayhall, N P Home and J P Burns. Home Missions—W W Gilbert, R T Senter and T J Johnson. Orphans Home—J T Holley, W A Turnage and J D McRae. Associational Missions—Walter Lindsey, J P Burns and C M Graham. Publications—W A Turnage, W T Shook and O B Cowden. Destitution—T J Johnson, W B Cantrell, J M Parker and W D Page. Sabbath Schools—J T Carmack, O D Cowden and E W Searey. Ministerial Education—W A Turnage, W W Gilbert, W D Page and S A Trimm. Temperance—W W Gilbert, W H Rouse and O B Cowden. Obituaries—J T Holly, J N Kennedy and J T Ginn. Nominations—N P Home, T J Johnson and R J Hammett. Documents—R T Senter, J A Conwill and O L Phillips.

On motion the Association adjourned to 8 o'clock Monday morning. W H Camp preached Saturday, night subject, Divine Love.

Sunday morning a Sunday School mass meeting was conducted by Eld W A Turnage. Talks were made by D L Ross and G W Dudley. The Missionary sermon was preached by the appointee, Eld J F Benson, followed by Eld's W A Turnage, J S Stockton and W H Camp. A collection was taken up for missions which amounted to \$15.50. Eld J S Stockton preached Sunday night. Subject, "Progressive Christianity." Text, Genesis 1st chapter 26th verse. The arrival of Dr W T Lowrey and Eld W G Thompson was announced and devotional committee announced that Dr Lowrey preach at 11 o'clock on Monday.

Monday morning met pursuant to adjournment, praise and prayer by Elder Camp. Call for correspondence continued. W T Lowrey, D D and Eld W G Thompson were received and welcome extended by the Moderator. Return correspondence—To Southern Baptist Convention, J T Holly was elected delegate and Wm M Chaffin, alt. Mississippi State Convention—Moderator appointed to State Convention J F Benson, J E Anthony, W W Gilbert, W D Page, J M Harrison. Judson Association correspondents—W H Rouse, R T Senter, Noah Clayton, W D Bookout. Big Bear Creek correspondents—J T Holly, Wm M Chaffin, J F Benson, F M Blount. Tishomingo Correspondents—W D Page, D W Searcy, W T Shook, J R Bickerstaff.

Harmony Association. On motion this body open up correspondence with the Harmony Association and the following appointed corresponding delegates: W D Page, W A Turnage, J R Bickerstaff, M D Storment.

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Call for reports of committees.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to make the following report: We would not only reiterate what we said last year, that God has said in prophecy that ignorance is the parent of destruction and that in olden times they had schools for the prophets, and also that nothing can rise above its source. But realizing the benefit we have received this year from the institute at Yale by Dr Z T Leavell, aided as he was by those noble God loving, God fearing brothers, Prof's G A and J T Holly, principals of the Oakland Normal Institute. But we earnestly recommend that you not only continue to patronize this school and hold another institute, the time and place to be named by this body. But realizing that our own Mississippi Baptist College is now on secure footing with that humble, consecrated man of God W T Lowrey in charge, it is our duty to rally to his rescue.

Respectfully submitted, W A TURNAGE, Chairman.

This report was discussed by W A Turnage, Prof J T Holly and W T Lowrey. The latter taking up about one hour over which the body was greatly enthused. Report adopted.

Adjourned for preaching and refreshments. Dr Lowrey preached from Luke 24th chapter, 45-49.

Monday afternoon. After devotional exercise business resumed by taking up Missionary's report.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Number of miles traveled,	1,150
" days of service,	210
" stations,	8
" sermons,	250
" prayer meetings,	70
" families visited for religious purposes,	685
" persons baptised,	24
" baptised by others,	20
" persons received by letter,	15
" " restored to fellowship,	10
" churches organized,	1
" Sunday Schools,	
" officers and teachers,	
" Sunday Schools addressed,	
" pages of tracts distributed,	600

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Number of Testaments distributed,		
" value of Bibles sold,		
" families without Bibles,	12	
" houses of worship commenced,	1	
" " " finished,		
Amount expended for houses of worship,		\$ 1 00
Money collected for personal service,		145 00
" " " state missions,		1 45
" " " home "		
" " " foreign "		
" " " other purposes,		93 70

Respectfully submitted, W A TURNAGE.

Report discussed by Eld's Turnage, Camp and others, and the Missionary paid fifty dollars additional for his services in cash and pledges as follows. By churches:

Fairview, C M Graham,	\$ 2 00,	Paid
Bethany, Chaffin and Benson,	5 00,	"
Union Grove, W P Farrar,	2 50,	"
Ebenezer, W T Shook,	2 50,	"
Bethlehem, W D Page,	2 50,	"
Jackson's Camp, D W Searcy,	2 50,	"
Treasurer of Association, F M Blount,	10 00,	"
Mt Pleasant, J T Dulany,	2 50,	"
Harmony, W Lindsey,	2 00,	"
Evergreen, A J Terrell,	1 00,	"
Highland,	2 00,	"
Salem, T J Johnson,	1 00,	"
Union, W T McClung,	1 00,	"

Personal:--

J P Burns,	1 00	"
J M Harrison,	1 00	"
R M Perry,	1 00	"
W H Camp,	1 00	"
L L McDougal,	1 00	"
J T Dulany,	50	"
W S Holly,	50	"
L S Green,	50	"
And others.	50	"

Total,

\$50.00

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DESTITUTION.

We your committee on destitution beg leave to submit the following report: We find the following points of destitution, Moore's school house, near Tynes'; Forest Grove, near Mingo, in Tishomingo county; the Academy on Jim's Creek; Mt. Pleasant on the headwaters of Johns Creek and Gum Creek. Realizing as we do that for two years we have been opening inroads into the enemy's country and that while it has been done under very adverse circumstances, we have now only to enter and occupy the field, and we not only earnestly recommend but plead that you continue the mission work as it is God's plan for the people to be saved, and above all we recommend that the churches untie the hands of the pastors that they may give themselves continually to the word and prayer.

Respectfully submitted, W D PAGE, Ch'n.

Report spoken on by Eld's W D Page, W A Turnage, J S Stockton, W H Camp and J F Benson. Adopted and the following motion prevailed, that owing to the length of the association one man could not well occupy the field, that the same be divided as per division of union districts except Harmony church which will work with the 2nd district. Each district to have its own board and employ its own missionary. The boards to act jointly in regard to preachers institute and to report jointly on missionary work at the next meeting of the Association. Pledges were called for from each district. Responded as follows. Second district:—

Highland, delegates	\$10.00.	Antioch, S Mayhall	\$ 5.00
Ebenezer, W T Shook	5.00.	Bethel, J M Harrison	2.50
Salem, G W Houston	10.00.	Jackson's Camp, Holly & Ginn	5.00
Red Bud, R J Hammett	2.50.	Union, A Cain	5.00
Evergreen, A J Terrell	5.00.		

Adjourned to 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. Tuesday morning net according to adjournment. Business taken up under missionary work and churches of 1st district. Called and pledges for the churches as follows:

Bethany, Chaffin & Benson	\$10.00.	Mt. Pleasant, delegates	\$10.00
Mt Pisgah, O B Cowden	5.00.	Union Grove, delegates	10.00
Liberty Grove, Cantrell	2.50.	Fairview, C M Graham	5.00
Shiloh, Carmack	1.00		

SPECIAL PRAYER.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and prayer offered by W A Turnage for Fairview church.

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PUBLICATIONS.

We your committee on publications beg leave to submit the following report: Brethren we are glad to report that the bar of dissension has been removed by merging both the papers in one under the style and firm name of The Mississippi Baptist Publication Co., and we now will have one paper under the name of "The Baptist," and we earnestly recommend that every Baptist in our association subscribe, pay for and read it. We further recommend the Foreign Mission Journal and Southern Baptist Convention series of Sunday School literature.

Respectfully submitted, W A TURNAGE, Ch'n.

The report was spoken to by W A Turnage, W H Camp, J F Benson, C M Graham, F M Blount and W W Gilbert. Adopted.

ORPHANS HOME.

We your committee on Orphans Home, located at Jackson, Miss., beg leave to submit the following report: Baptist hearts have always been open to the cries of the poor and especially those of the orphans. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord and that which he giveth will He repay." And we appealed to the pastors last year and nothing has been done in this association by pastors or people except a small contribution by little Oma Turnage, and we now appeal to every mother and father to come to the rescue of these little ones before winter comes on. Respectfully submitted, J T HOLLEY, Ch'n.

N. B.—Brethren, since the above report was written I have ascertained from Dr Lowrey that Brother Foster the founder of the Orphans Home now has yellow fever and also two of the matrons and children, and we plead now for immediate relief. W A TURNAGE.

Discussed by brothers W A Turnage and W D Page, and a collection taken up which amounted to \$3.90.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following report: Brethren, God has commanded us to preach the gospel to every creature, and He says if we love Him to keep His commandments. And we are sorry to report apathy that exists in our Association towards foreign missions, remembering God says "as often as you did it unto one of the least of these my brethren you did it unto Me." May God help us to do our duty.

Respectfully submitted,
On motion report was adopted.

W A TURNAGE.

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FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance report as follows:

For minute fund,	\$20.30.	For foreign missions,	\$ 4.15
For state missions,	.85.	Total,	\$25.30

R T SENTER, Ch'n.

DOCUMENTS.

We your committee on documents report as follows: We notice but few churches report revivals of religion. It seems that very little interest is taken in Sabbath Schools, the present membership in our association is —— The union meeting of the 1st district will meet with New Home church Friday before the 1st Sunday in August, 1899, Brother J F Benson to preach the introductory sermon, J E Anthony, alternate. The union meeting of the 2nd district to meet with the Prospect church Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Aug. '99, W W Gilbert to preach the introductory sermon, J M Harrison, alt.

Respectfully submitted, R T SENTER, Ch'n.

NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on nominations beg leave to report as follows: We place in nomination Mt. Pleasant church for the next annual meeting of this body, Eld J F Benson to preach the introductory sermon, Eld J E Anthony, alt. Eld W W Gilbert to preach the missionary sermon, Eld W A Turnage Alt.

Respectfully submitted, N P HOME, Ch'n.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report: We feel that the Lord has opened up fresh fields in the isles of the ocean by driving away the priest tyrants from Cuba and Porto Rico, giving those people a fair opportunity of hearing the gospel in peace. We should hasten to occupy this fair field at once. The other parts of our field need to be more fully occupied. We insist that our brethren shall come up more freely and liberally to the aid of all the work.

Respectfully submitted, W W GILBERT, Ch'n.
Adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on temperance make the following report and say that intemperance is a matchless evil and is doing much harm in society, in churches and in the world, and ought to be stopped. As Solomon said "wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and who-

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soever is deceived thereby is not wise." So the churches should condemn it and pray and work against it, until it is banished from the world.

Respectfully submitted, W W GILBERT.

Adopted.

OBITUARIES.

We your committee on obituaries beg leave to submit the following report: We find since our last association the angel of death has visited our midst and taken the following brethren and sisters: Mt Pleasant, brother Walter Jarrel; Highland, brother D L G Neal; Salem, Albert Fowler, Polly Fowler and sister Mary Cleveland; Harmony church, Eld Ringer and sister Minnie Googe; Antioch, sister Malinda Hutchinson. Brethren, let us not mourn as those that have no hope, but remember that all things work together for good to those that love the Lord.

Respectfully submitted, J M KENNEDY, Ch'n.

STATE MISSIONS.

Knowing as we do that this last year has been a very hard one so far as state missions are concerned, and that the work has been retarded in many ways, we therefore are made to realize that this work of missions needs our attention in a more direct manner now than ever. Now we know as to this work we can do more than usual next year, from the fact that great Ruler of the universe has abundantly blessed us this year with more abundant product of the soil than for the last several years. We feel that this work is a momentous and an important work, therefore we recommend that each pastor of the several churches of this association in a special manner preach at convenient times during the year sermons with direct reference to their mission work, and take collection for this most noble and important cause in order that it may not languish but progress as we believe it should. S MAYHALL, Ch'n.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows: The reports sent up by the churches of this association show that but few Sabbath Schools are in operation. This should not be the case. Your committee is strongly impressed that our people should wake up on this question. Every church ought to have Sunday School, and every church may have one if some of the brethren will take the matter in hand, work faithfully and earnestly to build it up. He will always find help in the undertaking. Let an effort be made in every church.

Respectfully submitted, D W SEARCY, Ch'n.

The Association adjourned for preaching and dinner. Bro J F Benson preached from the text "My sheep know My voice."

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Tuesday afternoon.—Met according to adjournment, resumed business by calling for appointment of executive boards. The following brothers were appointed for the 1st district: J M Weaver, R T Senter, R C Burns, W P Farrar, O B Cowden, J T Dulany, C M Graham. 2nd district: J D McRae, T J Johnson, J L Trimm, Elias Googe, O L Phillips, R J Hammett, C C Shook, Wm M Chaffin to be chairman for both boards. On motion the clerk was to notify the absent members of the board of appointment.

Motion to elect missionary for the 2nd district. Resulted in the election of W A Turnage missionary for the 2nd district.

The voice of the body taken whether or not they will hold a preacher's institute. Motion prevailed for institute. On motion the boards meet jointly on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in December at Salem church to arrange for the institute.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts 1897.			Disbursements 1897.
Minute fund,	\$23 55	Printing Minutes,	\$10 00
Mexican Missions,	9 82	Associational Missions,	13 46
Associational Missions,	13 46	W A T, 1898,	2 00
State Missions,	75	Rec from Treas.,	50
Home Missions,	3 60	Mexican Missions,	9 82
Former Treasurer,	50	Home Missions,	3 60
In treasury for 1898,	2 00	State Missions,	75
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Total,	\$53 68	Total,	\$40 13
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Balance,	\$13 55	Clerk's fee, \$13 55	

Pledges for State Missions for the Year 1899.

Mt Pisgah, \$1 00; Mt Pleasant, \$1 00; Union Grove, \$1 00; Harmony \$1 00; Evergreen, \$1 00; Fairview, (paid 25c.) \$1 00; Bethlehem, (paid.) \$1 00; Antioch, \$1 00; Highland, (paid 15c.) \$1 00; Ebenezer, (paid 25c.; \$1 00; Bethel, \$1 00; Salem, (paid 19c.) \$1 00; Jackson's Camp, \$1 00; Red Bud, \$1 00; Union, \$1 00; Total paid, \$1 75.

Resolution of Thanks—Be it resolved that we return our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Highland community for their kindness and hospitality, and we pray the blessings of Heaven on them and theirs.—J F Benson. On motion adjourned to meet with Mt Pleasant church on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. '99. "I'm on my way to Canaan" was sung and the parting hand given.
W M M CHAFFIN, Moderator. F M BLOUNT, Clerk and Treas

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1.50	\$3.36	\$3.25	\$25.00
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1.00			25.00
1.00			7.50
9.65	\$17.46	\$3.25	\$6.65
			\$214.75

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1ST DISTRICT.

J F Benson,	Yale, Miss
N T Clayton,	Tilden, "
W D Bookout,	Bowen, "
A F Cole,	Coke, "
A N Cook,	Clay, "
J E Anthony,	Clay, "

J. A. Conwill, Eastman

2ND DISTRICT.

J M Harrison,	Dennis, Miss
W W Gilbert,	Belmont, "
W D Page,	Cripple Deer, "
L M Taylor,	Mann, "
D R McClung,	Golden, "
Joe Clingan,	Mingo, "
Joe Farress,	Cliff, "

LICENTIATES.

A L Sample,	<i>Excluded</i>	Yale, "
J T Robinson,		Rabornville, "
L M Storment,		Highland, "
W H Hamilton,		Mann, "